Periakulam in Manavalakurichi pakuthy.

15. * **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total extent of Periakulam (near Thalakulam village) in Manavalakurichi pakuthi, Kalkulam taluk;

(*b*) whether any portion of the tank has been silted up;

(*c*) whether the need for removing the silt has been brought to the notice of the authorities;

(*d*) whether any person has applied for registry of the silted up of the tank; and

(*e*) whether that application has been disposed of, and, if so, how?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) 144·55 acres.

(*b*) Yes. The foreshore area.

(*c*) Yes. There is no need to remove the silt as the *ayacut* have never suffered for want of water and the tank is always full.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The application has been rejected.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: With reference to part (*b*) may I know the area silted up?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Sir, I am afraid I cannot give the information at the present moment.

Tube well in Eraniel.

16. * **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the tube well investigation was conducted in the town of Eraniel?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Trial borings for tube wells have not been made in the town of Eraniel, in the light of the fact that almost all the wells in the private houses in the locality yield only brackish water and that water fit for cooking and drinking is available only in the wells near the edges of the paddy fields. In view of these facts, there was no object in trying tube wells in the brackish water area in the Town or in the fresh water area near the edges of the paddy fields, since in the light of the information obtainable and obtained from the existing wells, trial boring for tube wells would have been a superfluity. So, in the present investigation, it is proposed to provide a few "dug" wells near the adjoining paddy fields, that is to say at the foot of the slopes, the other alternative, if these do not satisfy the needs, being to provide an infiltration gallery or wells in the bed of the Valliar and pump water therefrom to a balancing tank in the highest part of the town and distribute from there through pipes and street taps. This latter alternative (Pumping Scheme) requires detailed investigation.

Drainage survey in Eraniel.

17. * **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any survey had been conducted in the town of Eraniel for better and proper drainage; and

(*b*) the reason for conducting the same?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) With a view to improve the drainage condition of the Chetty street at Eraniel.

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